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Chief Justice Hinkson, The Vancouver Foundation, And Many Unanswered Questions

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Chief Justice Christopher Hinkson
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Chief Justice Hinkson obtained a Bachelor of Laws in 1975 from the University of British Columbia. He was admitted to the Bar of British Columbia in 1976 and is a past member of the Yukon Territory Bar. He was appointed Queen's Counsel in 1990.
Chief Justice Hinkson was appointed to the Supreme Court of British Columbia in 2007 and to the Court of Appeal for British Columbia in 2010. Prior to his appointment, he practised with Harper Grey LLP (formerly Harper Grey Easton & Co.) from 1976 to 2007 and was appointed Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers in 1997. His practice included medical malpractice, personal injury, professional negligence, commercial litigation, human rights litigation and administrative law.

It was recently revealed that the Justice who presided over several anti-lockdown cases in British Columbia runs a group called the Vancouver Foundation. Looking into the details of this charity a bit more, this creates — at a minimum — the appearance of a potential conflict of interest. (See archive.)

The group describes itself in this way:

“Vancouver Foundation grants to hundreds of charities and non-profits in BC every year. Our vision is to create healthy, vibrant, and livable communities, and we focus on supporting

projects that address the root causes of important issues. Our funding comes from generous gifts from the community, as well as from managing endowment funds for people, charities, and businesses."

The Vancouver Foundation is involved in many different areas, and has undoubtedly has done a lot of good work. However, some things need to be questioned.

Anyhow, this is quite the rabbit hole, so let's jump in.

The Vancouver Foundation Act is what governs the organization. This isn't a traditional group, but one that was created in 1943 by an Act of Parliament.

> Board of directors
> 5 (1) The board of directors of the foundation is to consist of at least 10 and not more than 18 persons, with the directors determining the number of directors from time to time in the bylaws of the foundation.
> (1.1) If the number of directors is below the minimum number set out in subsection (1) or in the bylaws, as applicable, the board continues to have the authority to carry out its duties and exercise its powers until all vacancies are filled.
> (1.2) Subject to section 6, the board consists of the following members:
> (a) ***the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of British Columbia*** or, if applicable, the judge appointed by the Chief Justice under that section;
> (b) a member of the Law Society of British Columbia who has been nominated by the Law Society of British Columbia in accordance with the bylaws of the foundation and whose nomination has been accepted by the board;

Chief Justice Christopher Hinkson is a Director at the Vancouver Foundation, by virtue of his position on the Court. Far from being just a name on paper, he's prominently listed as a Director (see margin on page 3). He also made the following rulings:

COURT CASES PRESIDED OVER BY CHIEF JUSTICE HINKSON

(A) Kassian v. British Columbia, 2022 BCSC 1603
(Refusal for exemption to vaccine passport)
https://www.canlii.org/en/bc/bcsc/doc/2022/2022bcsc1603/2022bcsc1603.html

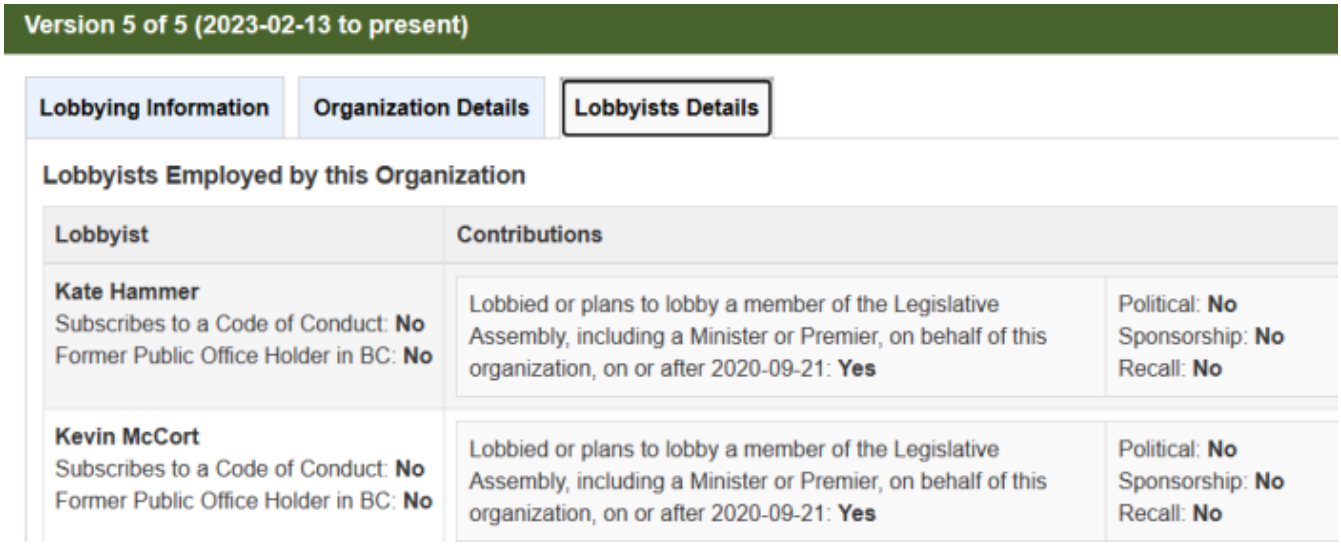
(B) Eliason v. British Columbia (Attorney General), 2022 BCSC 1604
(Refusal for charter rights to travel, s.6 of Charter)
https://www.canlii.org/en/bc/bcsc/doc/2022/2022bcsc1604/2022bcsc1604.html

(C) Maddock v. British Columbia, 2022 BCSC 1605
(Refusal for compensation due to injury)
https://www.canlii.org/en/bc/bcsc/doc/2022/2022bcsc1605/2022bcsc1605.html

(D) CSASPP v. British Columbia, 2022 BCSC 1606
(Refusal to allow health care workers to opt out)
https://www.canlii.org/en/bc/bcsc/doc/2022/2022bcsc1606/2022bcsc1606.html

(E) Beaudoin v. British Columbia, 2021 BCSC 248, BCSC 248
(Refusal to allow a church to remain open)
https://www.canlii.org/en/bc/bcsc/doc/2021/2021bcsc512/2021bcsc512.html

True, one might get the impression that he simply called these cases as he saw fit. But there is more to things than meet the eye.



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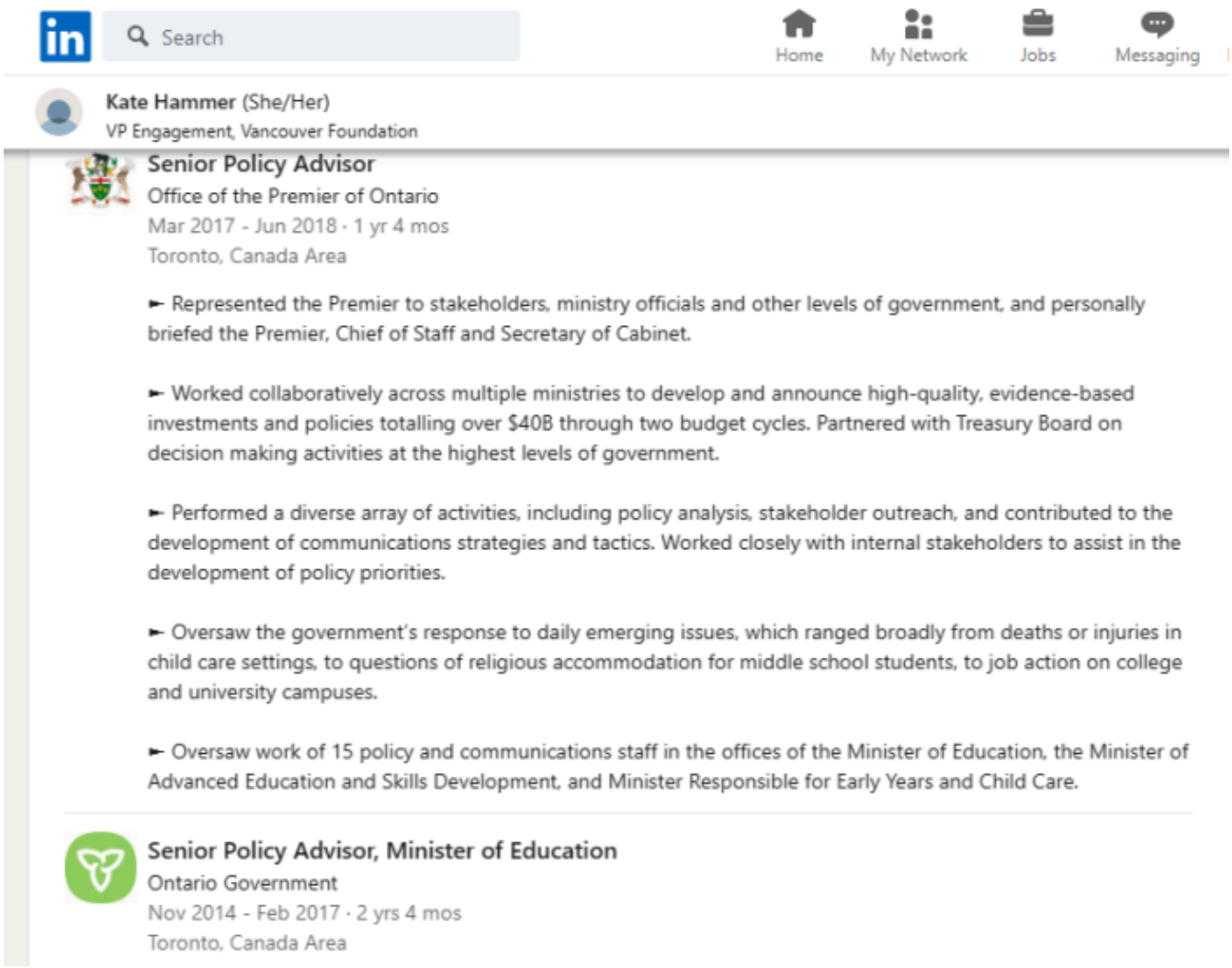
Lobbying Information | **Organization Details** | **Lobbyists Details**

Lobbyists Employed by this Organization

Lobbyist	Contributions	
Kate Hammer Subscribes to a Code of Conduct: **No** Former Public Office Holder in BC: **No**	Lobbied or plans to lobby a member of the Legislative Assembly, including a Minister or Premier, on behalf of this organization, on or after 2020-09-21: **Yes**	Political: **No** Sponsorship: **No** Recall: **No**
Kevin McCort Subscribes to a Code of Conduct: **No** Former Public Office Holder in BC: **No**	Lobbied or plans to lobby a member of the Legislative Assembly, including a Minister or Premier, on behalf of this organization, on or after 2020-09-21: **Yes**	Political: **No** Sponsorship: **No** Recall: **No**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Kate Hammer (She/Her)
VP Engagement, Vancouver Foundation
Senior Policy Advisor
Office of the Premier of Ontario
Mar 2017 - Jun 2018 · 1 yr 4 mos
Toronto, Canada Area
► Represented the Premier to stakeholders, ministry officials and other levels of government, and personally briefed the Premier, Chief of Staff and Secretary of Cabinet.
► Worked collaboratively across multiple ministries to develop and announce high-quality, evidence-based investments and policies totalling over $40B through two budget cycles. Partnered with Treasury Board on decision making activities at the highest levels of government.
► Performed a diverse array of activities, including policy analysis, stakeholder outreach, and contributed to the development of communications strategies and tactics. Worked closely with internal stakeholders to assist in the development of policy priorities.
► Oversaw the government's response to daily emerging issues, which ranged broadly from deaths or injuries in child care settings, to questions of religious accommodation for middle school students, to job action on college and university campuses.
► Oversaw work of 15 policy and communications staff in the offices of the Minister of Education, the Minister of Advanced Education and Skills Development, and Minister Responsible for Early Years and Child Care.
Senior Policy Advisor, Minister of Education
Ontario Government
Nov 2014 - Feb 2017 · 2 yrs 4 mos
Toronto, Canada Area

Kate Hammer is the Vice President for Engagement, was previously a Senior Policy Advisor for the Minister of Education (Ontario), and also worked in the Office of the Premier under Kathleen Wynne. Sure, that's Ontario, but people in political circles have very deep networks of connections, and it's rarely limited to a region. (See archive.)

She's also now lobbying the B.C Government on behalf of the Vancouver Foundation. Things get even more convoluted. Why? Because the B.C. Lobbying Registry shows exactly what subject matters are being discussed.

Matters
Non-Profit Organization
COVID-19, Non-Profit Organization
COVID-19, Non-Profit Organization

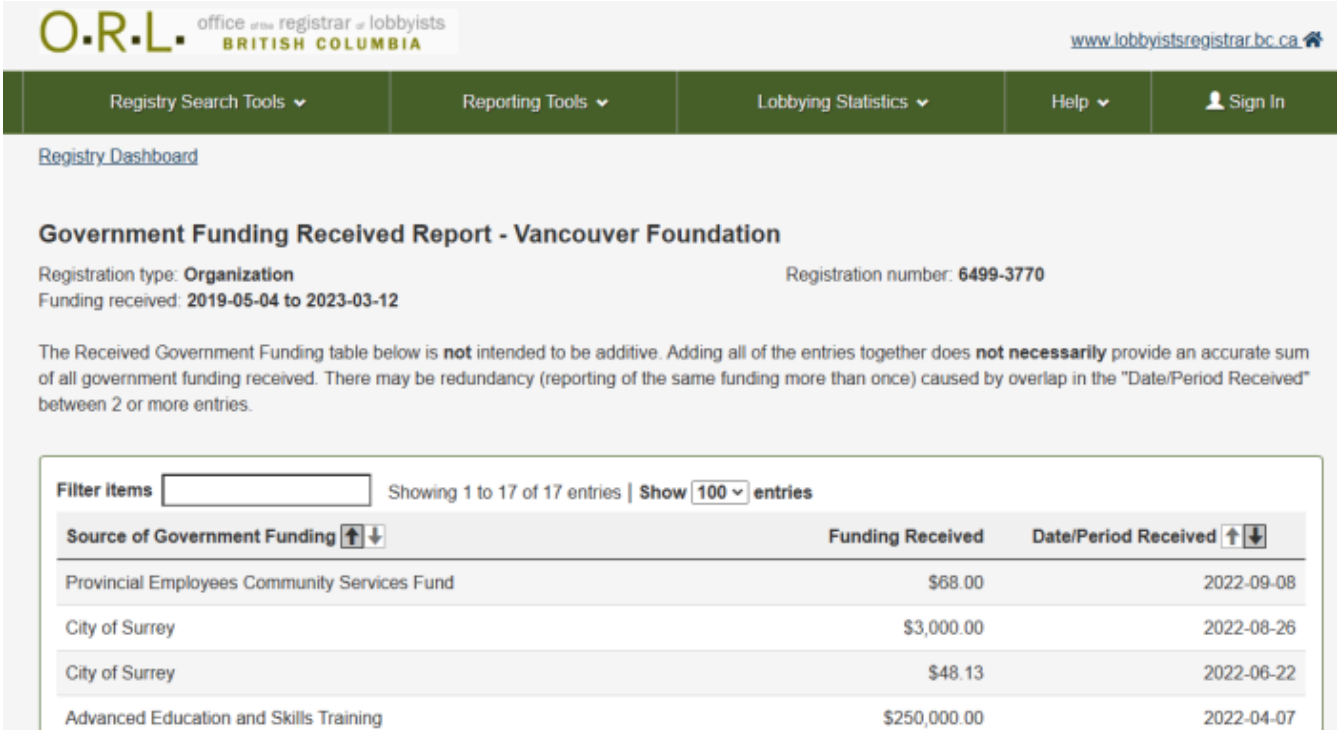
The Vancouver Foundation is trying to get more access and influence from the B.C. Government. This can cause a problem.

- Activities to support an amendment to Vancouver Foundation Act related to definition of "reserve amount"
- Vancouver Foundation seeks to ***discuss with the BC Government options and opportunities for ensuring legislation and regulations related to lobbyists transparency do not limit charities and non-profits from participating in vital conversations about government policies and priorities***.
- Vancouver Foundation seeks to discuss with the BC Government options and opportunities for the ***charitable sector to play a key role in pandemic recovery***
- Vancouver Foundation seeks to discuss with the BC Government options for expanding the Unclaimed Property Act's ability to use dormant assets to boost investment in community initiatives and organizations.

Let's think about this one. Chief Justice Hinkson, a Director at the Vancouver Foundation, is making key Court rulings relating to "pandemic measures". Meanwhile, his organization is

lobbying the B.C. Government for greater influence in exactly those areas.

And what taxpayer sources is the Vancouver Foundation getting money from?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Government Funding Received Report - Vancouver Foundation
Registration type: Organization
Registration number: 6499-3770
Funding received: 2019-05-04 to 2023-03-12
The Received Government Funding table below is not intended to be additive. Adding all of the entries together does not necessarily provide an accurate sum of all government funding received. There may be redundancy (reporting of the same funding more than once) caused by overlap in the "Date/Period Received" between 2 or more entries.
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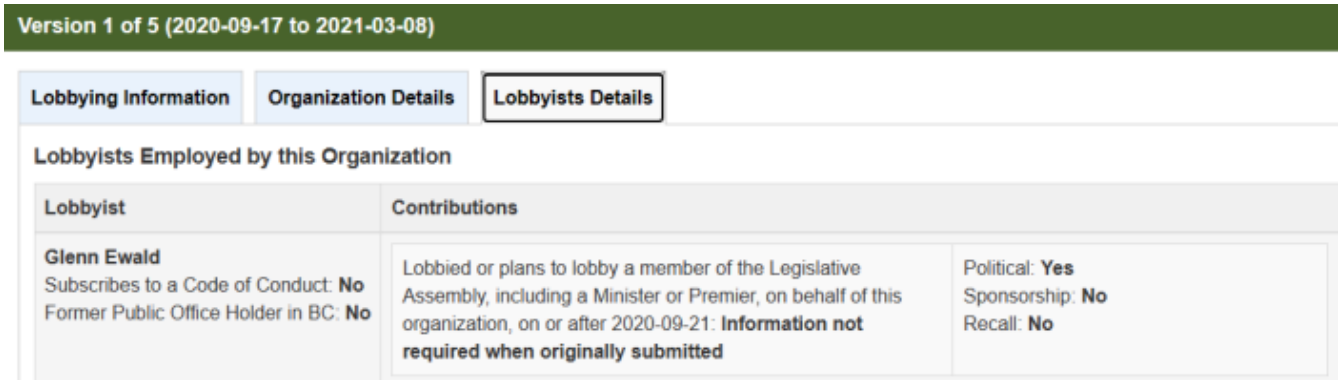
Source of Government Funding
Funding Received
Date/Period Received
Provincial Employees Community Services Fund $68.00 2022-09-08
City of Surrey $3,000.00 2022-08-26
City of Surrey $48.13 2022-06-22
Advanced Education and Skills Training $250,000.00 2022-04-07

SOURCE	DATE	AMOUNT
Provincial Employees Community Services Fund	2022-09-08	$68.00
City of Surrey	2022-08-26	$3,000.00
City of Surrey	2022-06-22	$48.13
Advanced Education and Skills Training	2022-04-07	$250,000.00
Children and Family Development	2022-04-05	$2,760,000.00
Social Development and Poverty Reduction	2022-04-01	$1,350,000.00
Social Development and Poverty Reduction	2022-04-01	$30,000,000.00
Canada Cultural Investment Fund	2022-03-21	$1,005,258.00
City of Vancouver	2022-03-11	$45,000.00
Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations, and Rural Development	2022-02-24	$5,000,000.00

City of Surrey	2020-10-08	$45.00
BC Arts Council	2020-04-02	$200,000.00
Social Development and Poverty Reduction	2020-04-02	$590,000.00
Advanced Education, Skills and Training	2020-03-31	$250,000.00
Canada Cultural Investment Fund	2020-03-16	$955,718.00
Provincial Employees Community Services Fund	2020-03-13 to 2020-09-10	$59.80
City of Vancouver	2020-03-13	$22,500.00

The Vancouver Foundation has received several millions of taxpayer money in the last few years.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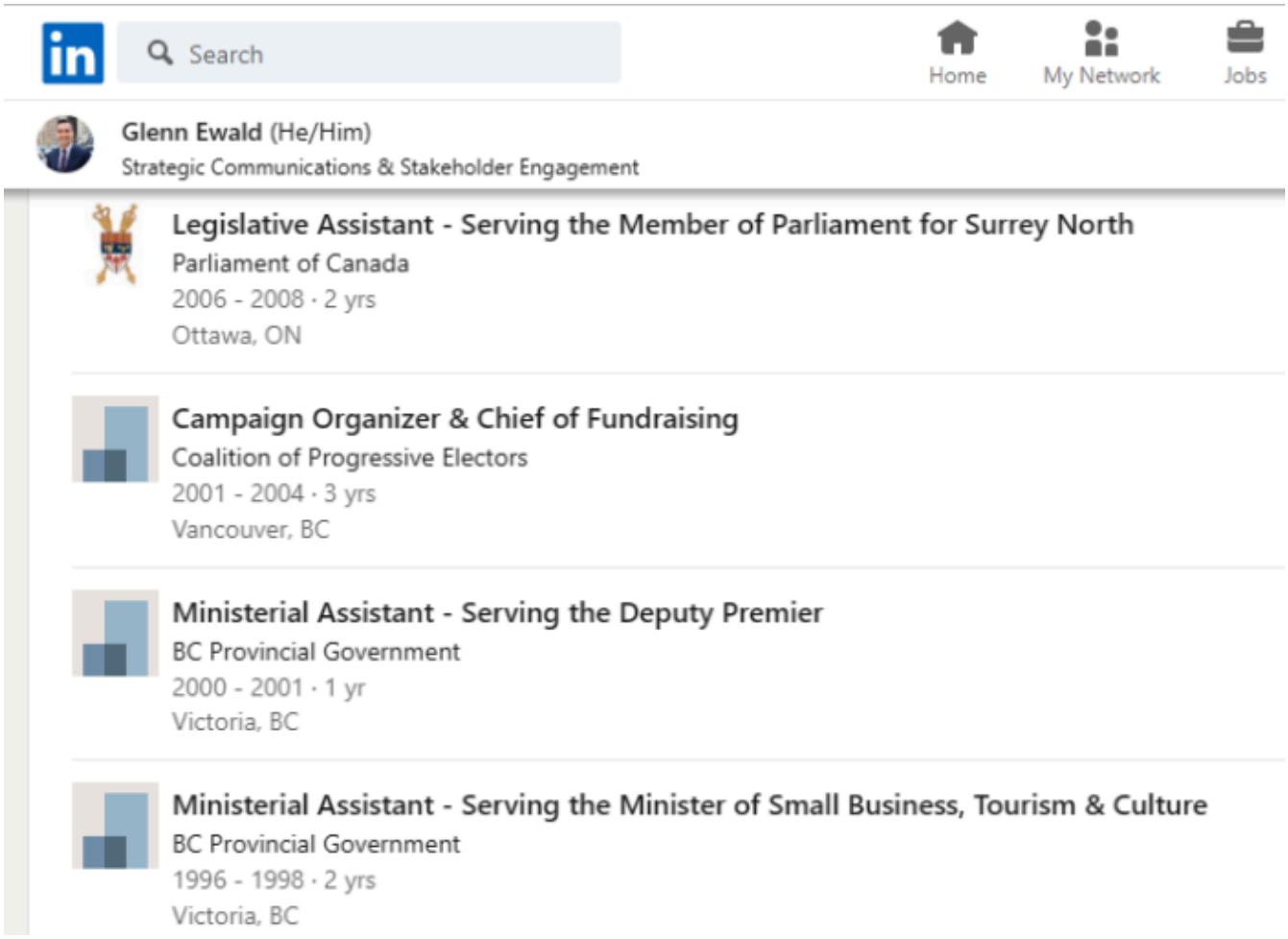
Lobbyists Details
Lobbyists Employed by this Organization
Lobbyist
Contributions
Glenn Ewald
Subscribes to a Code of Conduct: No
Former Public Office Holder in BC: No
Lobbied or plans to lobby a member of the Legislative Assembly, including a Minister or Premier, on behalf of this organization, on or after 2020-09-21: Information not required when originally submitted
Political: Yes
Sponsorship: No
Recall: No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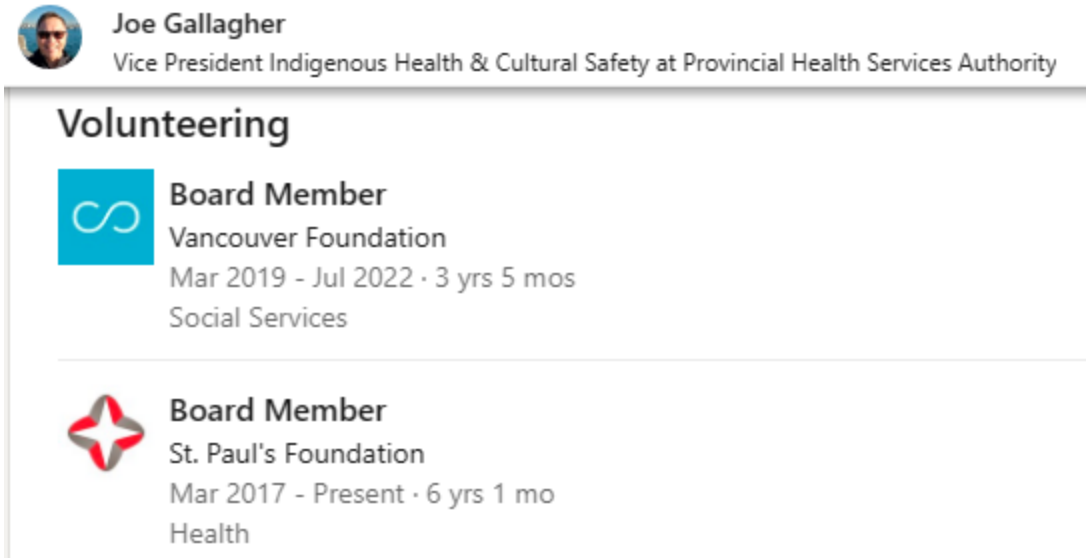
Glenn Ewald (He/Him)
Strategic Communications & Stakeholder Engagement
Legislative Assistant - Serving the Member of Parliament for Surrey North
Parliament of Canada
2006 - 2008 · 2 yrs
Ottawa, ON
Campaign Organizer & Chief of Fundraising
Coalition of Progressive Electors
2001 - 2004 · 3 yrs
Vancouver, BC
Ministerial Assistant - Serving the Deputy Premier
BC Provincial Government
2000 - 2001 · 1 yr
Victoria, BC
Ministerial Assistant - Serving the Minister of Small Business, Tourism & Culture
BC Provincial Government
1996 - 1998 · 2 yrs
Victoria, BC


Joe Gallagher
Vice President Indigenous Health & Cultural Safety at Provincial Health Services Authority
Volunteering
Board Member
Vancouver Foundation
Mar 2019 - Jul 2022 · 3 yrs 5 mos
Social Services
Board Member
St. Paul's Foundation
Mar 2017 - Present · 6 yrs 1 mo
Health

Glenn Wald gets an honourable mention. He was the Director of Communications at Vancouver Foundation from November 2017 until October 2022. He has also been involved with both the Federal and British Columbia Governments. (See archive.)

Joe Gallagher, Vice President Indigenous Health & Cultural Safety at Provincial Health Services Authority, is also worth listing. He was a Board Member at the Vancouver Foundation until July 2022, so very recent. (See archive.)

Dara Parker is formerly a Program Manager for the United Nations Association in Canada, and an advisor for the U.N. Human Resettlements Programme. (See archive.)

As covered previously, the B.C. Centre for Disease Control (BCCDC) Foundation is in fact a registered charity that contributes substantial amounts annually to up to 4 “qualified donees”. These are:

- B.C. Centre for Disease Control
- Community-Based Research Centre Society (also a charity)
- Provincial Health Services Authority (also a charity)
- University of British Columbia (also a charity)

The BCCDC Foundation used to have a scroller to cycle through their major donor list. It’s since been removed, but thankfully saved in an earlier article:

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The BCCDC Foundation proudly lists the Vancouver Foundation as a donor, as well as companies like Pfizer. The BCCDC-F also admits that a significant portion of its funding comes from pharmaceutical companies. Is it any wonder why the B.C. Government is so pro-pharma?

In terms of following the money, the next sections are from CSASPP’s March 12, 2023 summary for the Vancouver Foundation’s financials. As a registered charity, it’s required to disclose a fair amount of information publicly. Rather than reinvent the wheel, here are the highlights:

Based on the T3010 Registered Charity Information Return filed with the Canada Revenue Agency, several years of reporting periods are available. The records are copious with thousands of donees. We will save you the trouble of sifting through them. The following is a summary of our provisional material findings.

In fiscal year 2021 the Vancouver Foundation donated to the Public Health Association of British Columbia $193,072 and to Fraser Health Authority $93,434. The year prior of 2020 Vancouver Coastal Health Authority received $100,000 from the Foundation. A charity setup by the British Columbia Centre for Disease Control to receive donations, the BCCDC Foundation for Population and Public Health, received $13,000.

During the onset to the alleged pandemic in 2019, many of you will recall the traditional intellectual safeguards were largely mute. The British Columbia Civil Liberties Association received $151,718.

Other recipients during that fiscal year include the BCCDC's Foundation at $57,667, Fraser Health Authority at $41,055, the Registered Nurses Foundation of BC at $4,276, and a charity setup by the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation at a $1,000.

The previous fiscal year of 2018 the BCCDC Foundation again received $57,667, Fraser Health Authority $41,472, the BC Civil Liberties Association $36,104, and the CBC's charity $1,000.

From the voluminous records we were able to analyze in the time invested, this is where money directly went. The question of where money went after the Vancouver Foundation donated it to the BCCDC Foundation is also worth commenting on.

Unlike the Vancouver Foundation, the BCCDC's Foundation does not donate to thousands of donees. Based on its own T3010 filing, from fiscal years 2017 to 2021, it donates to only one to four donees a year. A sophisticated organization, such as the Vancouver Foundation, cannot reasonably be said to not know where the aforementioned benefactor receiving a donation would subsequently direct it to.

> In every filing we uncovered problematic benefactors. In fiscal year 2021 the BCCDC Foundation donated to the Provincial Health Services Authority $140,247. The year prior of 2020 an amount of $487,689 was donated to the PHSA. In 2019 they received $588,553. In 2018 they received $290,267. In 2017 they received $426,016. The BCCDC Foundation then in 2017 donated to the BCCDC itself $15,300.

> Recall that the PHSA is Dr. Henry's employer, a defendant named in all of our litigation – including the petition in which the Chief Justice presided over. It is impossible for any reasonable person to characterize the movement of substantial sums of money in this manner under the direction of the Chief Justice as, at the very least, not carrying the perception of a conflict of interest.

What is the result of all of this? We get a situation where there really is no separation between the judiciary, the legislature, and N.G.O.s with financial interests. Everything seems to blend together.

Was there anything to those anti-lockdown rulings in B.C.? Impossible to say for sure, but the connections of the Vancouver Foundation do raise a lot of questions.

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(C) Provincial Health Services Authority Charity Page
(D) Community-Based Research Centre Society Charity Page
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3 Replies to “Chief Justice Hinkson, The Vancouver Foundation, And Many Unanswered Questions”

Dave Sharp

MARCH 13, 2023 AT 3:52 AM

Society is so screwed. They are like lice in your hair.

Gordon S Watson

MARCH 14, 2023 AT 9:51 AM

yes, the inter-related-ness of the Vancouver Foundation with outfits pretending to be charities … even while they lobby the highest levels of govt. … does indeed “raise Questions” of propriety … and
those questions ought to be posed to judges presiding over any and every case to do with the SARS2Covid19 HOAX.

Let's see if there's even one lawyer in B. C. who has the testicular wherewithal to do so : with the temerity to stand up in Court and truly = "speak Truth to Power"

jason botkin

SEPTEMBER 2, 2023 AT 5:27 AM

Fantastic piece of investigative journalism…THANK YOU! Brand new to your site, like a kid walking into a candy store.